Launching of Business News Television Channel

39. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that India's first 24 hour business news television channel will be launched by Asia Business News India next month as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 1st, December, 1995;

(b) if so, the time the news channel will devote on Indian besides Asian Business News/World Business News; and

(c) whether Government propose to encourage such useful programmes in Hindi also so that all business in the country are equally benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The said news report has come to Governments attention.

(b) Government does not maintain such details about foreign channels.

(c) Doordarshan has been telecasting business programmes in Hindi for many years now.

देश में पर्यटक केन्द्र

2240. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में इस समय कितने पर्यटक केन्द्र हैं तथा ऐसे केन्द्रों को और बढ़ाने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार, राज्यों को कितनी सहायता प्रदान कर रही है; और

(ख) सरकार हरियाणा में इस क्षेत्र के लिए कितनी सहायता देगी?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) देश में पर्यटक केन्द्रों का विकास और पहचान करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है और यह मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों की जिम्मेदारी है। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पर्यटक सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए राज्य सरकारों को 3583.91 लाख रुपए की राशि की केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता मुहैया की गई थी।

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान हरियाणा राज्य को उस राज्य में पर्यटक सुविधाओं का विकास करने के लिए 505.71 लाख रुपए की राशि स्वीकृत की गई थी और उसमें से 139.20 लाख रुपए पहले ही दे दिए गए हैं। शेष राशि जब कभी राज्य सरकार द्वारा उपयोगिता प्रमाण-पत्र उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा तब दे दी जाएगी।

External Commercial Borrowing for Power Projects

2241. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the policy regarding approval of External Commercial Borrowing for power projects;

(b) whether any internal limit has been earmarked for ECB for power sector; and

(c) the details of ECB proposals cleared during this year for power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) In order to keep External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) within prudent limits of debt management, the Ministry of Finance has prescribed guidelines for ECB. These guidelines, inter alia, provide that ECB requirements for financing the immediate foreign currency capital expenditure would be met on priority basis, instead of earmarking ECB for projects, implementation of which is likely to be delayed for want of various clearances. While considering mega ECB proposals, Ministry of Finance ensures that the power projects have the following clearances:

(i) Environmental Clearance.

(ii) Approval of the Foreign Investment Board (if applicable).

(iii) Techno economic clearance from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for power projects envisaging investment more than